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Applicants: Kitson et al.  
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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL ALIGNMENT  
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Examiner: Thoi V. Duong  
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**RESPONSE**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Dear Sir:

During prosecution of the above-noted application:

- (a) on 2 JUN 2004, the Office mailed a final office action (hereinafter "the final Office Action");
- (b) on 1 SEP 2004, Applicants transmitted a response;
- (c) on 20 SEP 2004, the Office mailed an advisory action (hereinafter "the Advisory Action");
- (d) on 4 OCT 2004, Applicants mailed a Notice of Appeal; and
- (e) on 23 NOV 2004, Applicants conducted a teleconference with Examiner Duong.

Applicants are submitting the present document concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).